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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I enjoyed the opportunity the other day to discuss with you my idea for an association between the Institute for Advanced Studies in Philosophy and Rockefeller University. Our participants and our Board consist of outstanding figures from all areas of the cultural and intellectual life of the city; the Institute is an independent body, so that the use of it to create a philosophy "program" at Rockefeller University would avoid many of the problems (e.g. salary, tenure) associated with a formal department of philosophy; and the Institute is directed toward the philosophical and theoretical foundations of the sciences and the arts as addressed by scientists and artists and philosophers. It would seem to me that the formation of such a program at Rockefeller University would also provide a convenient means for your staff and students to broaden their cultural base, and do so very conveniently.

I have related the content of our conversation to Dr. Max Hamburgh who, in addition to being the Institute's Director of Educational Programs, is also Professor of Anatomy and Director of the Center for Biomedical Education at City College of the City University of New York. Dr. Hamburgh will be writing you shortly and sending you the information you requested on the Institute and its means of support.

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I do hope that we can all meet together soon to discuss the Institute's philosophy program and the possibility of its association with Rockefeller. Perhaps Jim Hirsch will also find time to attend.

I tried to reach Ed Cohen, as you recommended, but learned that he will be out of the country for quite some time. I shall look forward to meeting him on his return.

As I mentioned to you, our summer program will be held at Sloan-Kettering's Laboratory of Genetics at the invitation of Dr. Chaganti. A schedule and list of speakers and topics will be sent to you as soon as it is printed. I do hope that you can find time to attend.

Sincerely,

Steven Rosenberg

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